

USDA Announces Funding for Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

(Jan. 12, 2016) – Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Lisa Mensah today announced that USDA’s Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is soliciting applications for Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grants for FY 2016.

Applications are due March 14, 2016.

There is a minimum grant amount of \$50,000 and a maximum grant amount of \$500,000 for eligible applicants. The grants, which are awarded through a competitive process, may be used to fund telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies which extend educational and medical applications into rural areas.

Details on how to apply can be found online at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants> and on page 1388 of the January 12, 2016 *Federal Register*. USDA will publish on its website the total amount of DLT funding available for FY 2016.

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